

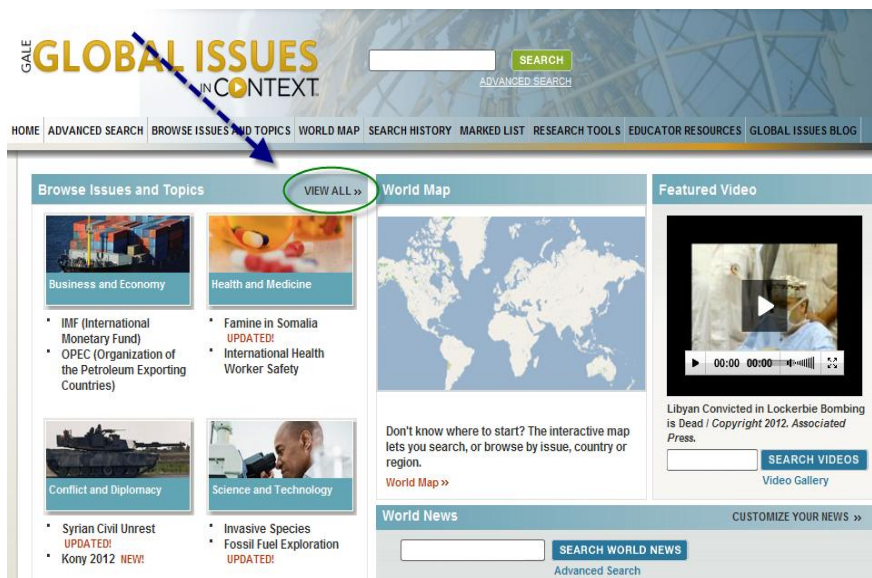
## Using eLibraryUSA for Information on Elections

eLibraryUSA can be used to search for information regarding U.S. presidential elections. Below are some of the most useful databases, along with search strategies that will yield relevant results.

### Global Issues in Context

**Target audience:** Researchers searching for up-to-date coverage, those already familiar with U.S. political culture

**Content:** This database provides a comprehensive overview of presidential elections in the United States, and is also continuously updated and contains recent information.



- By clicking on **VIEW ALL**, the user can see a list of current issues and choose **U.S. Presidential Election 2012**.

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Iraq: Private Security Contractors	United Nations
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Islamophobia <b>UPDATED!</b>	United Nations Millennium Goals
Israeli-Palestinian Conflict <b>UPDATED!</b>	United Nations Security Council <b>UPDATED!</b>
Kenya: Post-Election Violence and	United States-Mexico Border Issues

- The user is then taken to a portal that contains videos of presidential candidates, podcasts, and links to candidates' websites. There is also a search box that allows the user to search just within the portal. The results include magazines, academic journal articles, newspapers, statistics, radio broadcasts, and video clips.

Home ► All Topics ► U.S. Presidential Election 2012

Videos Images

Santorum: I Can Repeal Obama's Health Care / The Associated Press

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## U.S. Presidential Election 2012

OVERVIEW **UPDATED: June 2012**

The next U.S. presidential election will take place on 6 November 2012. The election process begins in February 2012 with the first state primary elections; these determine which candidates from the Democratic and Republican parties will face off against each other in the main election. Although President Barack Obama is the Democratic candidate, no clear favorite has yet emerged.

The 2012 election will be the first since the Supreme Court case *Citizens United* in January 2010. In the *Citizens United* case, the Court ruled that corporations could provide unlimited funding for political advertising during election season. Previously, corporations were prohibited from doing so. Many critics have argued that the ruling will give corporations too much influence over the political process.

The 2012 election will also ... [VIEW FULL OVERVIEW>>](#)

**Global Viewpoints** [VIEW ALL 142 >>](#)

☐ **Go big, Mr. Obama.**  
Thomas L. Friedman. *The New York Times*, Nov 23, 2011.  
President Obama has a clear choice on how to approach the 2012 election: He can spend all his energy defining Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich or whoever ends up as the...

**TOOLS**

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JPMorgan's Loss A Gain For Campaign Positioning.  
*Morning Edition*, May 15, 2012.

Obama Ad Blasts Romney's Time At Bain Capital.  
*Morning Edition*, May 15, 2012.

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Barack Obama Campaign Website  
Herman Cain Campaign Website  
John Huntsman Campaign Website

**WEBSITES** [VIEW ALL 11 >>](#)

2012 Presidential Candidate Selector  
270 to Win  
Attitudes on Romney's Mormonism

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## CQ Researcher Online

**Target Audience:** users who are more unfamiliar with the American political system and need a good overview; English-language-learners

**Content:** Short 12,000-word reports written by journalists; users can browse reports by topic; useful pro/con articles on current issues



- If users click on **Browse Reports**, then **By Topic**, **U.S. Presidency**, and **Campaigns and Elections**, they will find a list of reports going back to 2000. Keep in mind these are listed chronologically, with the newest first. This is not a comprehensive or continuously updated source, but some of the newer reports give great overviews for beginners, for example, **Presidential Election**.



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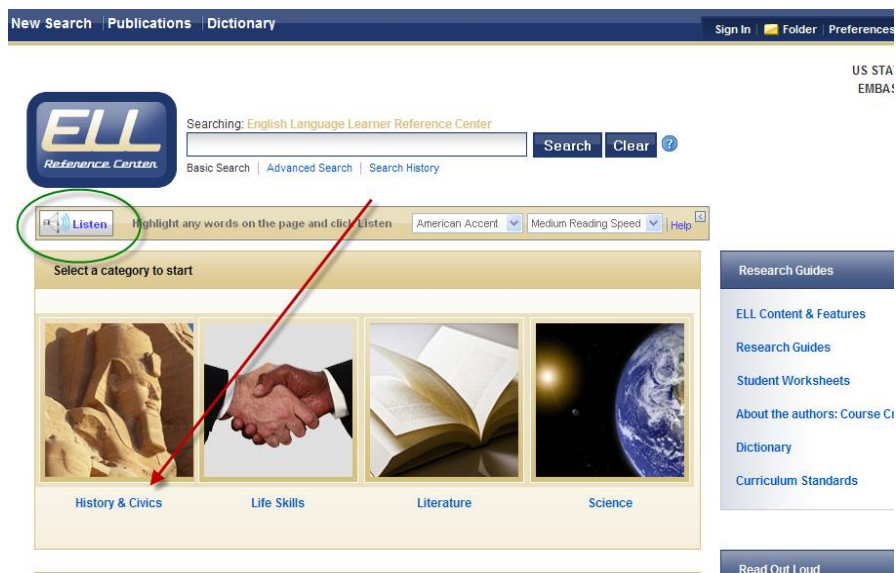
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## ELL Reference Center

**Target Audience:** English-language-learners

**Content:** Easy-to-read articles on a variety of topics related to everyday life and citizenship in the U.S.

- At the top of the page, users can click **Listen** to hear the page read aloud. They can choose from American, Australian, and British accents, as well as fast, medium, and slow reading speeds.
- Click on **History & Civics**, then **U.S. Civics**, to be taken to a list of topics.



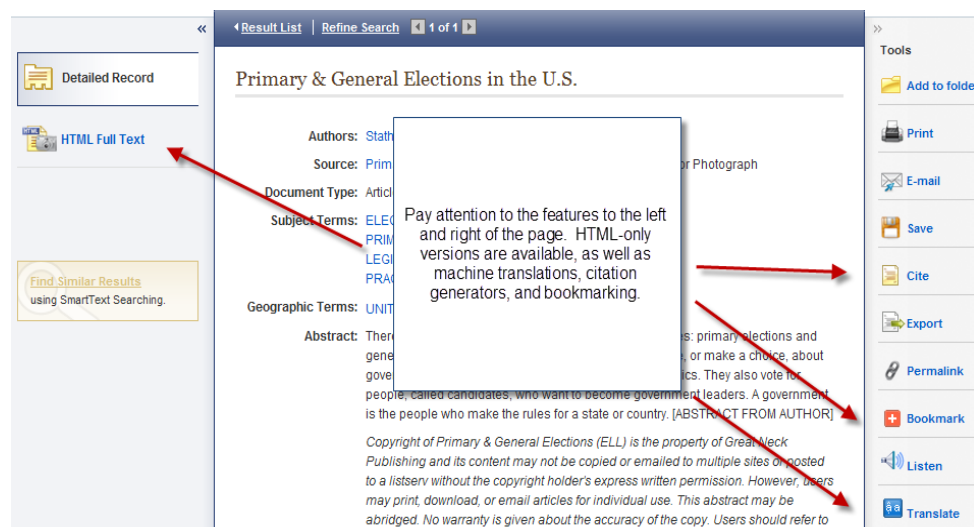
- Particularly relevant are Political Parties, Presidency, Primary and General Elections, and Voting and the Electoral College.

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- Pay attention to the features to the left and right of the page. HTML-only versions are available, as well as machine translations, citation generators, and bookmarking.



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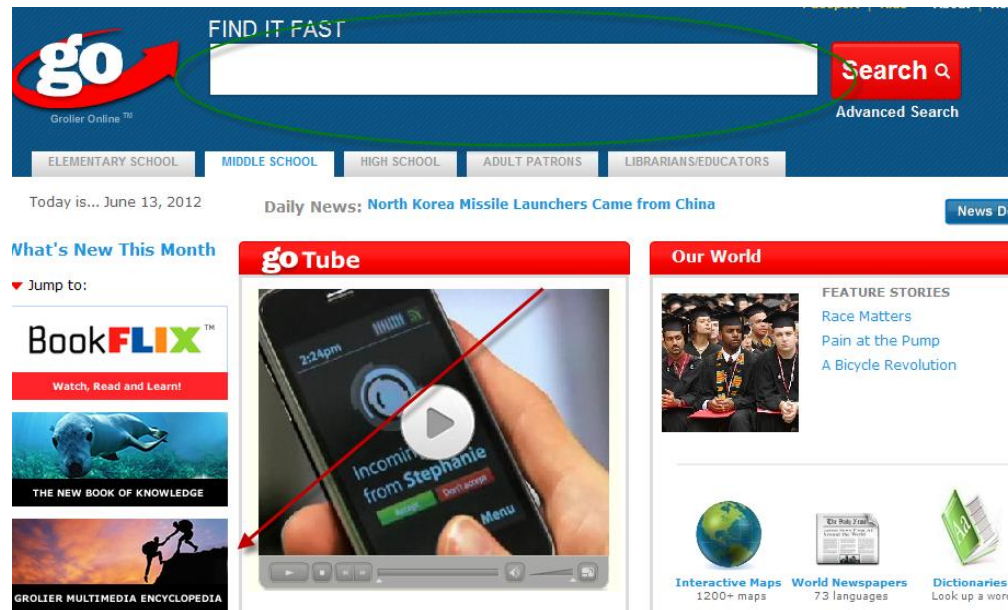
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## Grolier Online

**Target Audience:** Children ages 7 and up

**Content:** Over 120,000 articles from 9 different online children's encyclopedias, including a Spanish-language resource; articles on the election process at various reading levels

- Children can use the search box or search one of 9 databases located on the left.



- A simple search for “elections” gives the user comprehensive coverage of the U.S. elections systems, and four different reading levels are included in the results. Be sure to pay attention to the different types of content being shown by looking at the bar across the top of the results. Users can also choose which reading levels they would like to be shown.

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**Key to Reading Levels:**

<b>1</b> Reading Level 1 Grades 5 & under Lexile 200-800 ATOS 5.9 & under GRL A-V	<b>2</b> Reading Level 2 Grades 5-8 Lexile 801-1000 ATOS 5.0-8.9 GRL Q-Z
<b>3</b> Reading Level 3 Grades 8-12 Lexile 1001-1200 ATOS 8.0-12.9	<b>4</b> Reading Level 4 Grades 11 & up Lexile 1200+ ATOS 11.0+

**Refine Results by Reading Level**

Search the results:

**Articles** News Stories Fast Facts Magazines Websites Media

Found 2135 result(s) in your search for:  
**elections**

**4 Presidential Elections** [Lexile: 1350]  
*Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*  
Although citizens of the United States have the opportunity to vote for many different offices at the national, state, and local levels, the election of the president of the United States every four years is the focal point of the American political process.

**4 Election** [Lexile: 1340]  
*Encyclopedia Americana*  
Election, a procedure for choosing officers or making binding decisions concerning policy by the vote of those formally qualified to participate.

- Here is an article at reading level 1 (grade 5 and below). It is located in The New Book of Knowledge database. Users are given citation examples and there is a read-aloud option as well.

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An election is a democratic way to choose a person for a political office or other position. People vote for the candidate of their choice.

In the United States, **elections** are held at every government level. Voters elect members of the U.S. Congress. They elect the U.S. president and vice president. They also elect state governors and members of the state legislatures. And they elect mayors and other local officials. Many groups outside government also hold **elections**.

**Democratic Elections**

**Elections** are essential in a democracy. Through **elections**, people can choose their leaders. They can replace leaders whose actions are unpopular. **Elections** thus help limit the power of government. They

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### [Additional Resources on eLibraryUSA](#)

The following two areas cover elections as they were used in January and August for our thematic calendar. Several resources inside and outside eLibraryUSA can be found here.

January 2012: Democracy and Civil Society: U.S. Elections

[http://elibraryusa.state.gov/jan\\_theme.html](http://elibraryusa.state.gov/jan_theme.html)

August 2012: Democracy and Civil Society: U.S. Elections – Conventions

[http://elibraryusa.state.gov/aug\\_theme.html](http://elibraryusa.state.gov/aug_theme.html)

November 2012: Democracy and Civil Society: U.S. Elections

[http://elibraryusa.state.gov/nov\\_theme.html](http://elibraryusa.state.gov/nov_theme.html)

January 2013: Democracy and Civil Society: Peaceful Transitions in Power

[http://elibraryusa.state.gov/2013/jan\\_theme.html](http://elibraryusa.state.gov/2013/jan_theme.html)

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